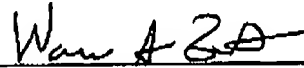


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 15, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.